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February 2026 MONTHLY BULLETIN

Message from our Executive Director

Dear Secure Technology Alliance Members,

We are now on the final countdown to the 2026 Identity & Payments Summit in Houston, TX. A big thank you to all member and non-member companies who signed up to sponsor or exhibit at the event. We have an exciting agenda and lots of networking opportunities going on.

In other news, the U.S. Payments Forum recently published the latest brief in their 3D Secure Mini-Series - check out the pages below for links and details. The USPF additionally has 10+ other projects underway focused on AI-driven scams, agentic commerce, tokenization and a variety of other industry issues.

The Identity & Access Forum is looking forward to hosting its second annual mDL Technology Showcase and additional interoperability event. If you are coming to the Summit, be sure to stop by on Monday to get familiar with the mDL use cases being demonstrated. The interoperability event is specifically for those who have a product to test and ensure it works seamlessly with a variety of mDLs.

The team and I are excited to see many of you next week, listen to your thought leadership on emerging technologies and industry challenges, best practices and solutions to seamlessly address the convergence of payments and identity.

See you next week!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHulka'.

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Industry Partnership



September 2-3, 2026 • Walter E. Washington
Convention Center, Hall D

Identity Week America 2026 is set to unite the global identity community for two days of innovation, insight, and industry leadership. The event will showcase the latest advancements in identity, authentication, trust frameworks, and fraud prevention.

- 250+ Exhibitors: A world-class exhibition floor featuring leading identity and security companies presenting cutting-edge solutions and services shaping the future of identity ecosystems.
- 250+ Speakers: A dynamic conference program with expert keynotes, panels, and breakout sessions tailored to the most critical challenges and opportunities in digital identity, biometrics, fraud, and enterprise security.

Registration is now open for industry professionals, enterprises, and government leaders. You can apply for a [free all-access pass](#) if you are a buyer of identity services and solutions only, providing full access to the conference, exhibition floor and after-party.

If you sell identity solutions and services, all-access passes are available to purchase [here](#).

[About Identity Week America](#)

Identity Week America is the unmissable identity and trust event of the year, connecting professionals from finance, government, healthcare, travel, retail, and tech to address identity challenges, advance secure ecosystems, and foster collaboration across sectors.

MDL TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE & INTEROP EVENT

IDENTITY & ACCESS TRACK PREVIEW



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LIVE DEMOS & INDUSTRY USE CASES



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Verification



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Finance



Casinos &
Gaming



Retail &
Commerce

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Live mDL Reader Demos
- ✓ Cross-Vendor Interoperability Testing
- ✓ Real-World Relying Party Scenarios
- ✓ Privacy & Security Validation
- ✓ Federal & State Collaboration

IDENTITY & ACCESS TRACK

- ✓ Relying Party Integration
- ✓ Privacy & Compliance
- ✓ Implementation Strategy
- ✓ Age Verification & KYC
- ✓ Banking & Regulated Industry Adoption



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- 📍 MARCH 2-4, 2025
- 📍 The Westin Galleria

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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
PAYMENTS - TOGETHER

As February wraps up, there's great momentum building across the U.S. Payments Forum Community. Much of our focus this month has been on preparations for the upcoming Identity & Payments Summit in Houston — especially our Forum Member-Only Day on March 2nd. We're looking forward to a day of candid dialogue, practical insights, and meaningful collaboration with all of you.

We also released [the latest brief in our EMV® 3-D Secure \(3DS\) Mini-Series](#), continuing a strong body of work designed to support smarter authentication and stronger approvals. At the same time, a new project is underway exploring EMV Level 3 (L3) regression versus recertification—an important topic for stakeholders navigating evolving requirements. And keep an eye out: an educational deck on AI-driven financial scams is coming soon. As always, thank you for the time, expertise, and energy you bring to this work: **we we couldn't do it without you.**



Momentum is building for the Forum's Member-Only Day at the upcoming Identity & Payments Summit **in Houston on Monday, March 2.** Designed exclusively for the U.S. Payments Forum Community, this dedicated day will blend strategic plenary conversations with “boots on the ground” working committee sessions that highlight the real work happening across the Forum.

This year's plenaries will dive into **Token Lifecycle Management: Education, Risk & Real-World Perspectives**; a practical look at the Forum's work on **Agentic Commerce**; and a timely discussion on **Why Accept mDL Now?**—focused on turning opportunity into action. The day will also feature the **Merchant and Issuer SIG** and a strong lineup of working committee sessions designed to advance active projects and spark new collaboration.

★ [View the Member-Only Day agenda](#) and start planning where you'll plug in. We're looking forward to a high-impact day together in Houston.

There's no shortage of opportunity to jump in. The U.S. Payments Forum Community currently has 10+ active projects underway, spanning topics from tokenization and 3DS to agentic commerce, AI-driven scams, and emerging certification considerations. With multiple working committee and project calls taking place each week, there's real momentum — and real impact — happening across the ecosystem.

Whether you're looking to contribute subject matter expertise, expand your network, or help shape practical industry guidance, there's a place for you at the table. If you're ready to engage more deeply, let us know—we'd be glad to help connect you with the right group and get you plugged in.

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IDENTITY & PAYMENTS SUMMIT

Frictionless Futures: The Convergence of Payments, Identity & Trust

March 2-4, 2026 | Houston, TX

VIEW THE FULL AGENDA HERE!

Payments Track

Biometrics initiated transactions
Update from EMVCo
Agentic Commerce
The Future of Payments
Next generation digital wallets
Establishing trust in CNP payments
Enabling secure tap-free payments
Concierge payments
Payments automation

Identity Track

mDL adoption updates
Deepfakes bypassing human trust
Update on European happenings
Using biometrics to mitigate identity fraud
Navigating Non-Human Identity
Digital ID to optimize transit benefits
Building a global trust network
Reimagining Digital Identity
Physical Access Control at Google

Emerging Technology Track

Modern Authentication without friction
Convergence: Mobile, AI and authentication
Quantum entanglement meets cryptography
Digital Trust
AI technology and how it is evolving
Building trust in agent-driven commerce
AI fraud in hiring
Building resilient identity payments ecosystems
Process Turing Test
Crypto-currency

Mobile Driver's License Technology Showcase + Interoperability Test Event

Contact [Sandy Mayfield](#) for more information and to purchase a table

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March 2-4, 2026 | Houston, TX

Special Events

These events are hosted in conjunction with the Summit but require separate registration - [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Half Day Payments Fundamentals (Wednesday, 4th March, 8am-12pm)

Secure Technology Alliance Members - \$450 (contact your primary representative for the discount code)

Non-Members - \$550

Limit 45 seats (first come – first served)

Payments, EMV and Mobile Fundamentals

This half-day course offers an high-level introduction to fundamentals of card payments, EMV technology, contactless, and mobile payments technologies.

This course is designed for project and program managers, sales professionals, and business development teams involved in the payments industry and those involved in identity solutions who want to better understand the payments landscape. It is also ideal for newcomers who need to gain a solid understanding of payments fundamentals and be able to clearly explain key concepts to colleagues and clients.

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THE DEEPFAKE SUMMIT

March 2026, Houston Texas
Co-located with the Secure Technology Alliance's
2026 Identity & Payments Summit

Date: TBD (a half day co-located during the Identity & Payments Summit)

Price: \$750 (limit 100 seats, first come – first served)

Purpose of the Summit

The Deepfake Summit is an executive forum addressing one of the most urgent, and disruptive forces shaping modern payments and identity ecosystems: AI-generated deepfakes and synthetic identities.

These emerging threats challenge every assumption about secure onboarding, authentication, fraud mitigation, and trust. As financial services, fintech, and payments providers accelerate toward frictionless digital experiences, the risk surface expands dramatically.

Rooted in The Prism Project's Resilient Trust Framework, the Summit delivers a concentrated, interdisciplinary conversation providing context, frameworks, trends, and strategic guidance for decision-makers across financial services, fintech, payments, government, and digital identity ecosystems to understand the threat landscape, deploy effective countermeasures, and prepare for an AI-driven future.

Target Audience

- Financial institutions, issuers, payments networks
- Fintech platforms, neobanks, digital wallets
- Identity verification, biometrics, and authentication providers
- Cloud & platform providers
- Risk, fraud, compliance, cybersecurity leaders
- Policymakers, regulators, and trust framework organizations

Key Outcomes for Attendees

1. Understand the new AI-powered fraud frontier

Deepfakes and synthetic identities are redefining attacks on onboarding, account takeover, and customer authentication.

2. Learn why “Resilient Trust” is critical to creating sustainable identity solutions

A blueprint for identity lifecycle hardening in payments & digital finance.

3. Understand the power of the ecosystem as a driver of fraud detection and prevention

Payments, identity, cloud, device, and risk teams all play a role—coordination is essential.

4. Hear from leaders shaping the response

Banks, fintechs, payments, identity technology and solution providers, government, and industry organizations like the Kantara Initiative, DIACC, and FIDO Alliance.

5. Identify actionable next steps

Controls, investments, governance, and operational changes needed.

Why Secure Technology Alliance & Co-Sponsors Should Care

- Deepfake-enabled fraud is accelerating faster than traditional controls.
- Payments modernization (RTP, digital wallets, identity-bound payments) increases exposure.
- Regulatory expectations around AI, identity proofing, and consumer protection are rising.
- Industry-wide collaboration is now a necessity.

The Deepfake Summit positions the Alliance, its members, and its partners as leaders in the next frontier of digital trust.

Congratulations to those that got certified this month!

Certified System Engineer ICAM PACS (CSEIP) Training and Certification

New members of the CSEIP Community - newly certified

Carlos Garcia (PyroCom Systems)
David Gonzalez (Structured Progress)
Gavin Silversides (Convergent Federal Solutions)
Michael Cruger (CTCI Technology)
Michael Hamilton (HID Global)
Timothy Austin (KBR Corp.)
Trevor Hoselton (HID Global)

CSEIP Recertification

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